

18 October 1948

Document and Photo Section, Special Projects Branch, Intelligence Division, European Command

Date Visited: 16, 20, 28 July 3, 9, 12, 13, 26, 27 August 3, September 1948

GENERAL

1. The staff of the Document and Photo Section is composed of Captain John Bernhardt, who is chief, one enlisted man, and one civilian. Document Section, 7707th ECIC is subordinate to this section. The Document and Photo Section supervises and controls the majority of foreign language document collection and disposition activities in the European Command. In a few cases document disposition is made without reference to this section - for example, the Operations Branch, ID, EUCOM occasionally sends documents directly to ID, Department of Army, Washington. The Intelligence Section, Engineer Division, EUCOM make direct disposition of documents and maps but sends transmittal lists of shipments to this section.

2. Current collection activities of the section include surveys of all German libraries and Military Government headquarters for foreign language documents containing intelligence material. The recently arrived microfilms at GMDS of selected items from the Ratzeburg-Kiel library are a result of this survey. The new document center at Darmstadt Germany is supervised by this section. It already contains twenty-eight tons of documents sent from 7771st Berlin Document Center and will eventually hold most of the remaining records of that center plus all the denazification records of the various Military Government Laender.

3. Previous to our arrival in Germany, Captain Bernhardt was detailed to brief us on the document situation and to assist us on matters of transportation, orders, clearance, etc. He proved extremely helpful during our entire stay and his knowledge of the document situation in EUCOM furnished us the necessary initial background information on the various document repositories.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. None.

JCS review(s) completed.